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Dear Jack:

I thought you might like to see the enclosed correspondence.

Sincerely,

David S. Addington Minority Chief Counsel

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 12, 1986

Dear David:

Thank you for your letter requesting an update on the status of the agreements between the U.S. and Australia on the joint facilities at Nurrungar, Pine Gap and North West Cape. There are no plans at present to have negotiations or discussions on extending these agreements, since they are subject to automatic renewal, unless either country decides to the contrary.

Specifically, the agreement on the joint facility at Nurrungar was signed for a nine-year period in 1969. It contained a clause establishing an open-ended agreement after 1978. The open-ended agreement requires a year's notice by either party to terminate.

The key agreements on the North West Cape facility were signed for a 25-year period in 1963; thereafter, the existence of the facility is terminable by either party on 180 days notice.

The country-to-country agreement on Pine Gap, signed in December 1966 for an initial ten-year period, stated that after nine years either party could submit written notice to cease operations within one year. The basic agreement was formally renegotiated in 1977 in the form of another ten-year, non-terminable period, which will end in October 1987, after which date, a one-year notice agreement will automatically go into effect.

There is no intention on the part of the U.S. Government to renegotiate any of these agreements at this time.

I hope this information will be helpful.

Sincerely

Nancy Dorn

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November 24, 1986

Ms. Nancy Dorn
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Dear Nancy:

At your convenience, I would appreciate an informal update on the status of the agreements and understandings governing the joint Australian-U.S. facilities at North West Cape, Nurrungar, and Pine Gap, Australia, and the status of discussions or negotiations on extending those agreements.

Sincerely,

David S. Addington Minority Chief Counsel

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